

**Utah Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission**  
**Chase Home Museum**  
**Wednesday, June 1, 2016**

**MLK Attendees:** Adrienne Andrews, Luis Garza, Dr. Rob Harter, Dr. Karen Johnson, Carla Kelley, Jasen Lee, Beth Martial, Ed Napia, Shawn Newell, Robert Rendon, Lavinia Taumoepeau-Latu, Eddy Thompson

**Excused:** Dr. Forrest Crawford

**Guests:** Rozanna Benally-Sagg, Adrienne Decker, Jim Grover, Jenny Hor, Emma Houston, Jennifer Ortiz, Tenielle Young

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**Welcome – Dr. Rob Harter**

Dr. Rob Harter welcomed attendees to the meeting. Commission members and guests introduced themselves.

**Chase Home Museum – Jennifer Ortiz & Adrienne Decker**

The Chase Home Museum houses folk art from the state art collection. It is a historic home built in the mid-1800s by Isaac Chase. Museum Specialist Jennifer Ortiz and Folk Art Specialist Adrienne Decker staff the museum.

The museum is regularly open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am to 4 pm. On Wednesdays during the summer, the museum is open from 11 am to 8 pm. In July and August, the museum hosts the Mondays in the Park concert series.

**Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** Jasen Lee motioned to approve the minutes from May 4, 2016. Shawn Newell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**MLK Civil Rights Support Restricted Account – Tenielle Young & Jim Grover**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Support Restricted Account received \$4,800 from the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Commission members spent a little under half of those funds and have a current balance of \$2,600.

The commission can use funds from the account to:

- facilitate, coordinate, and encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities that commemorate the federal Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday;
- create or support programs that promote awareness and education of constitutional and civil rights;
- partner with educational institutions to administer underrepresented or underserved scholarships; and
- partner with government agencies within the state and the private sector to administer and facilitate an underrepresented or underserved internship program.

This list is not exhaustive and more information can be found in Utah Code 9-18-102 Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Support Restricted Account.

**Special Group License Plate – Commission Discussion**

In creating a logo for the license plate, the use of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s photo is prohibited unless proper rights are obtained. It is also unclear if the use of Dr. King's name is a copyright issue. In addressing these concerns, one possibility is contacting the King Foundation to explain the commission's work and the intentions in creating a license plate. Commission members discussed asking Dr. Forrest Crawford to contact the King Foundation due to his previous connections. Additionally, the commission's current logo is long in length making sizing an issue if it used as the logo for the plates.

Commission members discussed creating a list of the possible activities resulting from the contributions. This provides constituents with information regarding how their donations are spent. Carla Kelley is tasked with preparing the list. One possibility is contracting with the Human Rights Education Center of Utah (HREC) and utilizing their training across the state. If the commission moves forward with HREC, they also need to consider a potential conflict of interest as Carla Kelley is the executive director.

Commission members also discussed creating a timeline of action items, which include contacting the King Foundation and producing a flyer. Dr. Rob Harter is tasked with drafting a timeline.

The Department of Heritage and Arts (DHA) is only allowed to bring in certain amounts of funding into its accounts. It then becomes a question of which agency will hold the license plates contributions to avoid the consequences of DHA taking in too much funding.

#### **King Conversation Series Update – Commission Discussion**

Dr. Karen Johnson and Shawn Newell are coordinating the next series on hate crimes. They want to host the event at the Salt Lake City Public Library after Saturday, July 9 and before Friday, July 15. The possible panelists include Jeanetta Williams, Shannon Cox, David Litvack, an ACLU representative, law enforcement, and FBI officials.

Carla Kelley is interested in bringing Joan Mulholland for a series. Joan visits Utah for a social studies conference on Saturday, October 8. Her speaking fee is \$2,500. Weber State University can possibly pay the fee as they are hosting their Annual Diversity Conference on Thursday, October 6. Adrienne Andrews will check with the planning committee about possibly having Joan provide the opening keynote remarks on Thursday night. Rather than having Joan speak, the commission can also host a reception for her. Another possible collaboration is working with BYU professor and co-director of Historians Against Slavery Matthew Mason.

Ed Napia and Luis Garza plan to work together on a health-based series. They want to narrow the focus as health is a wide-ranging topic. Ed's main interests are in tobacco and diabetes prevention. Possible venues for this series include Calvary Baptist Church and Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake.

Dr. Rob Harter is coordinating a meeting between the commission and Department of Public Safety. He wants to turn these discussions into a King Conversation Series.

#### **MLK January 2017 Event Update – Commission Discussion**

The commission plans to support and attend community events on the MLK holiday rather than host a separate event.

Commission members discussed unveiling the license plates at the MLK events hosted by the Salt Lake and Ogden branches of the NAACP. Promoting the sales of the license plates, however, competes with the organizations' ticket fees and requests for donations. Instead, the commission can provide information without seeking contributions or find other events to distribute information such as the Gospel Music Festival, Omega Psi Phi back-to-school barbecue, or voter registration drives. Commission members were asked to provide a list of events where they can table and share information on the license plates.

Shawn Newell will contact Jeanetta Williams and Eddy Thompson will contact Rev. Stanley Ellington about receiving a table and a few minutes in the program during the MLK events hosted by the Salt Lake and Ogden Branches of the NAACP, respectively.

Commission members also want to extend their time to speaking engagements during the MLK holiday and speak at events hosted by the recipients of the MLK Day of Service grant. This opportunity can be in partnership with the Utah Commission on Service and Volunteerism as they distribute the grants.

#### **Other Business**

The NAACP Salt Lake Branch is hosting voter registration drives. Shawn Newell will provide more information.

Dr. Rob Harter will contact Multicultural Commission co-chair Byron Russell regarding a joint meeting between the two commissions. Commission members also want to extend an invitation to Governor Gary Herbert.

The Juneteenth Freedom & Heritage Festival is on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18 at Weber State University. A pageant and a roundtable discussion on the state of Black Utah are held on Friday. Event organizers are waiting to hear about Governor Gary Herbert's availability for the main event on Saturday. Rep. Sandra Hollins, who sponsored legislation for the Juneteenth holiday, and Weber State University President Chuck Wight will be in attendance.

Ogden City drafted an ordinance creating a diversity commission reflecting the community. A charter will be signed by Ogden City, Weber State University, Ogden-Weber Applied Technology College, non-profit organizations, and community members.

Weber State University's College of Education is hosting a symposium to provide educators, parents, and students with tools to address racial incidents in the classroom. This stems from a South Ogden Junior High teacher repeatedly using a racial slur to discuss the film *Glory*.

Commission members discussed presenting the MLK Awards to recipients at the MLK events hosted by the Salt Lake and Ogden Branches of the NAACP, respectively. Commission members want nomination forms made available online and open from June until October. They will also send Jenny Hor their suggestions of potential recipients.

#### **Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Jasen Lee motioned to adjourn the meeting. Adrienne Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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#### **Action Items**

The next MLK Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Rio Grande Board Room.

Upcoming Meetings (first Wednesdays of every month in the Rio Board Room):

August 3

September 7

October 5

November 2

December 7